GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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FAR-FLUNG AREAS UNDER KU BAND
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to cover all far-flung areas under the KU Band to widen the area of Doordarshan andAll India Radio; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): Prasar Bharati hasinformed that the entire country is covered by Doordarshan, in satellite mode, through reception by appropriate dish antenna. In the next three years, terrestrial TV/AIR coverage is expected to increase to 92% and99.3% of population and 81% and 91.8% of areas respectively. To cover the remaining uncovered areas, including far-flung areas, the Tenth Plan proposals of Doordarshan include inter- alia schemes for TV coverage with multi-channel bouquet infree- to -air mode, in Ku-band, through satellite distribution system.